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1. The SONP (Spojene Ocelarny Narodni Podnik) (United Steel Works, National Enterprise), ~~formerly known as Poldina Hut~~, is located in an east suburb of Kladno, Bohemia. ~~Vysočina~~ SONP produces sheet metal, round stock, beams, stainless steel, cast iron castings and steel crankshafts used for cars, trucks, tanks and airplane engines. Sixty percent of the crankshafts are sent by truck to AVIA in Prague. The other 40 percent are slightly defective and are ~~being~~ delivered by rail to Hodonin, Moravia. ~~(Name of the factory not known)~~

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2. SONP produces crankshafts daily for tanks and four crankshafts a day for airplane engines. Crankshafts for cars and trucks are not ~~being~~ made daily, but only as the orders for them are received. All these crankshafts are hammer castings, machine steel and surface-hardened.

3. SONP covers an area of about 1 1/2 by 1 1/2 kilometers; it employs 7,000 to 8,000 people, about 20 percent women, working two shifts: 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

4. Coal used in the SONP is delivered by rail from Most, Bohemia, because it is of better quality than the coal located in the immediate area of SONP, Kladno. Production suffers from acute shortage of scrap iron, which is ~~being~~ delivered by rail from Chomutov, Bohemia, and also ~~from the shortage of nickel~~. These shortages ~~cause a stoppage of~~ production for as long as one day.

5. The factory is fenced on the north, south, and west sides, having three entrances, each guarded by three guards, not in uniform. Buildings are constructed from steel beams filled in with brick.

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6. Personalities at the SONP, Kladno, are as follows:

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